



Request

1. What are the regulations with regard to discharging wet concrete into street storm /foul water drain. Please include any reference to industry guidance and best practices.
2. Where waste authorisations are required how many permits or authorisations has Wigan MBC issued in this period (*assume last 2 years*)?
3. In the last 2 years how many complaints have Wigan MBC received in relation to wet concrete suppliers discharging/cleaning up a site or delivery/ using a hosepipe or whatever to flush excess concrete into the street drains

Response

1. Discharging wet concrete or cement washout into street storm or foul water drains is **strictly prohibited** in the UK due to the severe environmental harm it can cause. Here's a summary of the relevant regulations, guidance, and best practices:

Legal and Regulatory Framework **Environmental Protection Act 1990**

Under this Act, it is an offence to cause or knowingly permit any poisonous, noxious, or polluting matter to enter controlled waters (which includes surface water drains and watercourses). Wet concrete is highly alkaline and toxic to aquatic life, making it a pollutant under this law.

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

These regulations require permits for discharges to controlled waters. Discharging concrete washout without a permit is illegal and can result in enforcement action by the Environment Agency

Water Resources Act 1991

This Act reinforces the prohibition of polluting discharges into watercourses and provides the Environment Agency with powers to prosecute offenders.

2. No Permits authorised
3. No Complaints received